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Head Coach Dave Allen led the men's swimming and diving team to its eighth straight Colonial Athletic Association championship title. He was honored as CAA Men's Coach of the Year. See story on page 10. Photo by Jamie Moncrief



Students gather handfuls of snow for an impromptu battle on UNC Wilmington's Campus Commons as snow falls Jan. 20. Jamie Moncrief



Dear alumni and friends,

I want to begin by recognizing the extraordinary alumni, friends, students, faculty and staff featured within this issue of *UNCW Magazine*. Our men's swimming and diving team is celebrating eight straight conference championships (see page 10). Our men's tennis and track and field teams also claimed CAA Championship titles. Several UNCW professors earned regional and national accolades, including Kate Bruce, who was named N.C. Professor of the Year (p. 6). Our Homecoming festivities in January included an opportunity to present achievement awards to alumni Sherick Hughes '97 and Rebecca Scherrer '00 and longtime UNCW friend Jerry Wilkins (p. 22).

The university also received accolades for its commitment to community outreach from the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and the Carnegie Foundation, which named UNCW as an "engaged university," one of a select group of campuses nationwide recognized for this honor. According to the foundation, selected universities demonstrate dedication to working with the communities and regions they serve, using their outreach programs to deepen students' civic and academic learning.

Programs offered through our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute are among our most notable community initiatives. I invite you to learn more about OLLI and, if you are 50 or older, I encourage you to become an active member (p. 18). Your participation is important to UNCW.

About our budget

Since our founding, UNCW has faced challenges with a soaring spirit. Seahawks always rise to the occasion, seeking out creative and effective ways to achieve greatness with average resources. The current economic crisis is testing our mettle once again. This year, we had to relinquish 7 percent of our state appropriation, or \$6.7 million. Thanks to careful planning on our part, we have been able to absorb this reduction without affecting students' educational experiences and without eliminating faculty and staff positions. We have saved the funds by improving our energy consumption, delaying computer replacements, reducing overtime and enacting other cost-cutting measures.

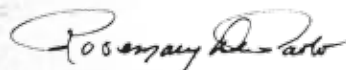
Unfortunately, UNCW could face the same, or higher, reductions for both of the next two years. Our state leaders are dealing with unprecedented fiscal challenges, and we won't know the status of our appropriation until later this year when the legislators finalize the budget. All of the UNC system schools are working together to encourage the General Assembly to make the reductions as small as possible and to limit their duration. We may receive assistance from the federal government's stimulus package, which provides significant funding for education, especially for financial aid, but many distribution details remain undecided.

I promise you that our students, faculty and staff are doing everything we can to continue soaring to greatness regardless of the budget situation. For years, UNCW was the least-funded state university and is still one of the lowest in the system. Yet, we created an amazing learning experience here in Wilmington. We are creative thinkers, and we have really pulled together, so I know we will brave this storm just like we have braved all of the other storms that have battered our coast – with the support and commitment of dedicated alumni and friends like you.

The contributions you make to UNCW are always meaningful; in the current economic times, they are essential to enhancing the future for our students. Continue to embrace your Seahawk spirit; it definitely will help you overcome challenges you may face from today's economic hardships. For inspiration, look to the Jones family, a group of amazing alumni (p. 28) who achieved academic success despite limited resources, and the Seahawks ice hockey team, who suit up purely for the love of the game (p. 12).

Finally, we have new ways for you to stay in touch with UNCW. Visit with us virtually through Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, and please keep your calls, letters and e-mails coming. Your continued interest in UNCW is tremendously important to us.

All the best,



Rosemary DePaolo
Chancellor

uncw online

You see it
everywhere,

people on their
iPhones, Blackberries
and laptops actively
involved on Facebook,
MySpace, YouTube
and Twitter.

by Katie Jordan '09

Social networking sites account for 50 percent of the top most trafficked Web sites on the Internet. The highly popular Facebook, created only five years ago, now has more than 175 million active users; more than three billion minutes are spent on the site each day. Realizing that, UNCW's marketing and communications office felt it was imperative for the university create its own online community.

In August 2008, UNCW launched a Facebook fan page and a YouTube page. Both serve as an additional outlet of information and networking opportunity for current and prospective students, parents and alumni, along with anybody else interested in the university.

"People check Facebook everyday. It is what they are used to and what they enjoy. Actually, it makes it easy for us, because we now know what they want and where to reach them," said media relations specialist Caroline Cropp '99, '06M, who manages UNCW's Facebook, YouTube and Twitter sites.

Facebook provides a direct and personal way for people invested in the university to socialize, network and exchange information, creating a close-knit online community. Since its launch, the UNCW Facebook page has attained more than 3,000 fans worldwide. Cropp noted a former student, now stationed in Iraq, contacted her and was very excited and thankful for the new Facebook page.

UNCW's Facebook presence provides an effective way to engage students and others interested in the university. As opposed to mass e-mail messages or navigating a Web site, Facebook personalizes information, allows for more interaction and adds visual stimuli.

"We are putting information where they are seeking information. Also, students are becoming more visual, and this is a great way to accommodate that preference," Cropp said.

The UNCW Alumni Association Facebook page was designed to specifically reach alumni.

"Addressees, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are often out of date and inaccurate. However, with a Facebook page, alumni come to you," stated Crystal Chapman, who handles communications efforts with alumni.

Through Facebook, alumni relations is reaching out to and engaging graduates, especially young alumni, ages 25-34, who account for the fastest growing demographic of Facebook users. Each month the number of fans and visitors at the UNCW alumni page increases. With the help of Facebook, Homecoming 2009 events attracted more than 1,000 alumni.

YouTube also creates an online connection between UNCW and students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff and others with videos about campus life and academics. Most include a small paragraph describing the context of the video as well as room for discussion.

YouTube not only works to engage those vested in the institution, but it also serves as a new marketing tool. So far, the top viewed video on UNCW's channel is Welcome to UNCW with more than 1,600 views. After viewing the Welcome to UNCW video, one person left a comment that displayed strong interest in the university by stating, "I wanna go!"

Most recently, UNCW began to "tweet."

Twitter is a fast-growing social networking site that allows users to write a message in 140 characters or less. It serves as an excellent source for universities to disseminate short bits of information instantly, to a large audience. One of the many features of Twitter includes a text message function, which allows users to create a setting that will send certain tweets directly to a cell phone.

Recent news events have shown that through Twitter photos and information can be distributed to a mass audience faster than any other source including the news media. UNCW will enhance campus-wide communication by using Twitter to post information about current events, severe weather updates, crisis communication and athletic events.

www.youtube.com/uncw

www.facebook.com/pages/Wilmington-NC/UNCW/8357990919

www.twitter.com/UNCWilmington

Commitment to community involvement brings rewards

'regional champion'

The Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce recognized UNCW, along with Cape Fear Community College, with its Regional Champion Award. The presentation was made in December at the second annual Business Achievement Awards breakfast.

The award is given to a company, organization or individual that has promoted, given to, or otherwise positively influenced the community as a whole.

"Our past, present and future economic health are fundamentally tied to our area educational institutions, not to mention the arts and cultural resources, athletics and other amenities that they provide that add to the overall attraction of our community," said chamber chair Louise McCall.

At Hillcrest Community Center, 30 UNCW students are working to reduce the achievement gap between black and white students in New Hanover County Schools. Twice a week, they offer free tutoring sessions in reading to a group of 4- to 10-year-olds.

Jessica MacDonald '08, onsite program coordinator, told the UNCW Board of Trustees in February that by mid-term all of the children showed a "great deal of progress," doubling and tripling their reading scores.

This partnership between UNCW and the Wilmington Housing Authority is just one of many examples why the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recognized UNCW as an "engaged university."

Steve Demski, vice chancellor for public service and continuing studies, said the foundation looks for institutions where "community engagement is part of their DNA." UNCW is one of 119 colleges and universities nationwide to receive the 2008 designation.

In addition, this is the third year UNCW was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service to America's communities, the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement.

"We are deeply committed to and engaged in our communities," Demski told the trustees. "We listen to the community and design programs to be responsive."

UNCW is focusing its attention on UNC Tomorrow priorities. UNC Tomorrow, spearheaded by UNC System President Erskine Bowles, encourages campuses to find creative ways to proactively anticipate, identify and respond to needs and challenges the state will face during the next 20 years.

www.uncw.edu/wha/hillcrest



Inasia McClamy is ready for her reading lesson at the Hillcrest Community Center.



Theodore Burgh, associate professor of philosophy and religion, had his book, *Listening to the Artifacts: Music Culture in Ancient Palestine* (Continuum, 2006), selected for the 2008 Wachsmann Prize. The award is presented by the Society for Ethnomusicology.

Kate Bruce, professor of psychology, is the 2008 North Carolina Professor of the Year. Administered by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, this national award recognizes professors for their influence on teaching and their commitment to undergraduate students. Bruce is the founding director of the Center for Support of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships and has been the director of the Honors Scholars Program since 1999. In 2007, she was president of the National Collegiate Honors Council.

Glen Harris, associate professor of history, was appointed to the board of the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities

that nurtures the cultures and heritage of North Carolina. Harris is the author of numerous articles on topics ranging from African American-Jewish relations during the first decades of the 20th century to postmodern slave narrative and interracial marriage. He is researching and writing the book-length manuscript, *Intellectual Struggles Between Blacks and Jews from the 1940s Through the 1960s: A Prelude to the Ocean Hill-Brownsville Conflict*.

Sherman Hayes, university librarian, retired in December after 37 years as a professional librarian. During his 11 years at Randall Library, Hayes expanded Special Collections to include the Southeastern North Carolina Collection and oral histories from World War II veterans, Williston High School students and teachers and UNCW retired faculty; collected and cataloged the work of local artists; instituted public programs such as Thirsty Tome and Flash Fiction; assumed responsibility for the Museum of World Cultures and the North Carolina Living Treasures Program; accepted gifts of

more than \$2 million in donated library materials since 2000, and recognized more than 40 donors as Leadership Grove Honorees. In April, Randall Library dedicated the first floor art wall as the Sherman L. Hayes Gallery.

Music by **Jerald Shynett**, assistant professor of music, was featured in the *One Tree Hill* episode "We Three, My Echo, My Shadow and Me," which aired Nov. 17. Shynett adapted and arranged Louis Prima's "Sing-Sing-Sing," made famous by Benny Goodman. Music instructor **Mike Waddell** was among the musicians performing, and UNCW music students Kenneth Watts and Will Piner portrayed members of the band. The session was recorded by **Alexander Markowski**, film studies sound design instructor.

Antonio Puente, professor of psychology, received the American Psychological Association's 2009 State Leadership Award, given to individuals for outstanding service to their state and significant participation in local or national advocacy and legislative efforts advancing the profession of psychology. Puente is the author of seven books and more than 160 scientific and professional articles. In 2005 he founded Centro Hispano and served as its director until 2007. He also maintains a private practice in clinical neuropsychology and is involved with Tileston Health Clinic where he helps provide mental health services for those who could not otherwise afford care.

D. Kim Sawrey, professor of psychology, was named an Outstanding First Year Student Advocate by the National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition, which recognizes faculty members who share the common goal of improving the educational experience of first-year students. Sawrey served as an advisor for the University College for 13 years and chairs the Faculty Senate's Basic Studies Committee. He was named Outstanding Faculty Advisor by the University College in 1997 and 2007.

faculty and staff

UNCW still a great value

Despite a tuition increase of \$106 for resident undergraduate students, UNCW remains a great value for those continuing their education.

"Because we understand the financial pressures many families face in the current economic environment, 40 percent of this increase will be designated for financial aid," said Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo. "The other 60 percent will be used to address critical needs of the university, such as services for students with disabilities, new faculty positions, a mathematics lab, operating funds for the counseling center and an additional advisor for an ever-growing number of transfer students."

"Compared to many other universities in the UNC system, UNCW has historically been underfunded," said Mark Blackwell, student body president. "UNCW is not only one of the top values in the state, but it also is ranked as one of the top values in the nation. Value comes from low cost and high quality, and UNCW will continue to provide both to its students."

UNCW ranks as one of the top 25 "Best Values" among public universities in the nation and one of the top three in North Carolina, according to *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*. UNCW also ranks as one of the 50 "Best Value" public colleges and universities in the nation, according to *The Princeton Review*.

Mandatory fees also will increase about \$77 beginning fall 2009. These fees will finance specific university programs such as improved health services, student activities and Colonial Athletic Association requirements. A new debt service fee of \$256, also effective fall 2009, will finance the expansion of the student recreation center.

"The existing recreation center, built in the late 1990s, was designed to accommodate fewer than 10,000 students," said Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Pat Leonard. "Since that time, UNCW's student body has grown to more than 12,600 students, and we now have twice the number of students living on campus. The demand for recreational services has far exceeded our ability to provide them; this expansion is critically important to our students."



Bruce



Hayes



Harris



Sawrey

by Katie Jordan '09

Soaring

in a sinking
economy

The current state of the economy is unsettling to everyone, especially upcoming graduates and young alumni. If they are able to get a job in their chosen career field, they are often the first to get laid off simply because they have the least experience.

"We have a flat job market. There is a lot of concern among businesses, and confidence is low. This doesn't mean that employers have stopped hiring; it just means they are hiring at a lower rate, making competition fierce," says Thom Rakes, UNCW Career Center director and assistant to the vice chancellor of student affairs for technology.

However, abundant resources, services and events are readily available to all UNCW alumni to help ensure a successful job search in such a competitive market. The most widely used feature of the Career Center is SeaWork, a system where every student and alum has a lifetime account that assists in the job search process.

Each opportunity presented to the UNCW Career Center is logged into SeaWork and updated on a daily basis. On a typical day, more than 350 job opportunities are listed directly through the system. SeaWork has a close affiliation with Monster.com and utilizes a feature that exposes alumni to approximately 1,000 additional employers seeking to fill entry-level positions. Students and alumni can also use SeaWork to sign up for on-campus mock interviews, view events and post professional documents such as resumes, cover letters and letters of recommendation.

Career counselors are available every day by appointment or during drop-in hours to offer individual assistance, guidance, resume and cover letter review, interview practice and job search strategy.

Numerous year round events sponsored by the Career Center are open to all alumni. These include various job fairs, resume review sessions, interview challenges, panels on today's hot careers and a job search boot camp.

"The job search boot camp is an excellent program for alumni seeking assistance in the job search process," says Rakes. The one-day event has four stations that often perform 30 minute presentations on resumes, job interviewing, job search strategy and personal finance.

Throughout the year, the Career Center organizes an internship and job fair, an education job fair, a nursing fair and a graduate and law school day along with many other specific opportunities for students and alumni to network, make contacts, get a name and face in front of employers and gain a head start in the job search process.

The Career Center at UNCW provides a phenomenal amount of online information ranging from job search resources, graduate programs, occupational outlook information, important resume information, interest assessments and much more, completely free of charge.

"Job hunting is a stair-step process. That is why it is important to look for an industry where you really feel that you can learn something. Rarely are recent graduates going to get their ideal position. Instead, think about how to get your foot in the door and gain meaningful experience, because in today's market, experience is what is going to get you the job," says Rakes.

Drop in hours are 2-4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment.

careercenter@uncw.edu
www.uncw.edu/stuaff/career/



Autumn Beam

Gearing up for engineering program

Responding to a request by area industries, UNCW is taking steps to offer a full-time, four-year engineering degree program. It is part of the university's plan resulting from the statewide UNC Tomorrow initiative to respond proactively to the needs of North Carolina and the region.

UNCW already offers a pre-engineering transfer program, which allows students to transfer after two years and complete their degrees at NC State, East Carolina, N.C. A&T or UNC Charlotte.

This fall, the first of three steps will be taken to bring the program totally in-house. Distance learning classes will be offered through NC State, and labs will be taught on campus by NC State faculty.

Next, mechanical engineering faculty will be hired, building the program, so UNCW will be able to offer a joint degree with NC State and eventually its own mechanical engineering baccalaureate. There is no set timeline; implementation will depend on funding and student interest.


Crisis preparation recognized

The federal government says UNCW is ready for anything.

UNCW is the first university in the state with a crisis mitigation plan approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the first to be certified as StormReady by the National Weather Service.

The mitigation plan prepares the university to be disaster resistant and resilient during crisis situations such as hurricanes, winter storms, hazardous materials spills and terrorism.

As a StormReady university, UNCW proved its weather readiness by passing a thorough review by NWS officials of its communication plans, technology systems, staff training, campus education and other preparations that can save lives during severe weather.



Brea Weaver, a seventh grader at Leland Middle School, introduced Mae C. Jemison, the first African American female in space and founder of two medical technology companies, who spoke at the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Weaver won the Region O Council for the Advancement of Minorities in Engineering Regional Oratory Contest with a speech about Jemison.

Masterstroke

to eighth straight title

In February, the UNCW men's swimming team brought home its eighth straight Colonial Athletic Association championship. At the same meet, the women's swim team exited the championship with a third-place finish and broke several school records.

The big winner was Dave Allen, who was honored as the CAA Men's Swimming Coach of the Year for the sixth time and the 11th time overall since starting the program 36 years ago. He has been named Coach of the Year for both men's and women's swimming more times than any other individual in the history of the conference.

Allen literally built UNCW's teams from the pool up. When he arrived on campus in July 1977, the university did not have a swim team, did not offer swimming classes and did not even have a place to swim. The pool would not open until September.

The first team was comprised of five interested students. It was not enough to compete, but the second year Allen recruited additional swimmers from across the state, California, New Jersey and New York. They competed and came away with a 9-2 record. Allen credits his early success with the fact that his team was unknown, so other schools did not take them seriously at first.

"They just figured that we couldn't be very good," he said.

The program had a modest beginning. Allen coached and taught swimming classes. There was no women's team, although several women swam with the men's team.

"We travelled to all of our meets in a station wagon," he said.

Allen had arrived at UNCW with experience in building a winning team – turning the swimmers at Potsdam State University in New York into champions. Potsdam's team was in last place in its conference when he arrived. Watching his team struggle during the championship meet, Allen saw the coach and swimmers of first place Buffalo State University celebrate and decided that he wanted what they had.

"That's where I wanted to be. I wanted to feel what they were feeling," said Allen.

When he left Potsdam six years later, the team had a championship and was ranked 15th in the nation. Allen said he stayed at the school out of loyalty to its athletic director, but when he passed away Allen decided the time had come to move on. The northern New York winters had begun to wear on him.

"It was too cold," he said.

One evening, he came home to find a flyer from his alma mater, Springfield College in Massachusetts, about a job opening in Wilmington, N.C. He had never heard of the city, but got out an atlas and was immediately interested in a school that was on the coast and in the South.

"The only Wilmington I knew of was in Delaware," he said.

During the next 36 years, a women's team evolved out of the men's team and brought the university its first swimming championship in 1977. Since then, the team has brought home nine championships from the CAA and two from the Eastern College Athletic Conference. Allen credits his success to the hard work of both the teams and his coaching staff, who works with the athletes year-round, as well as "a lot of luck."

"They have a lot of pride in their program. They have a lot of pride in their university," said Allen.

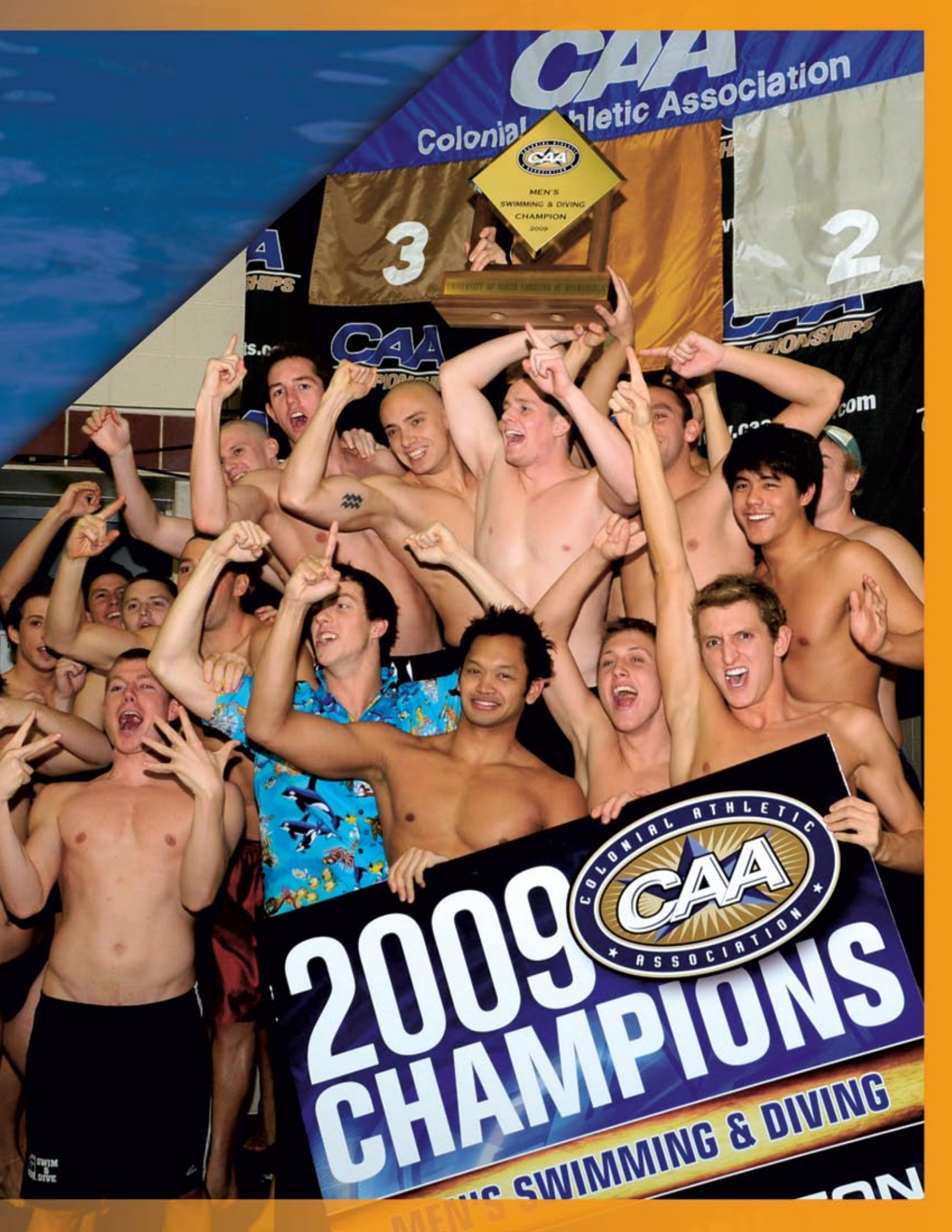
After more than three-and-a-half decades of coaching, Allen said many of his colleagues ask him how he still does it. He continues, he said, because he still loves his job.

"Coaching is something I've always enjoyed. I get a tremendous rush," said Allen.

by William Davis '08M



Joe Browning



CAA
Colonial Athletic Association



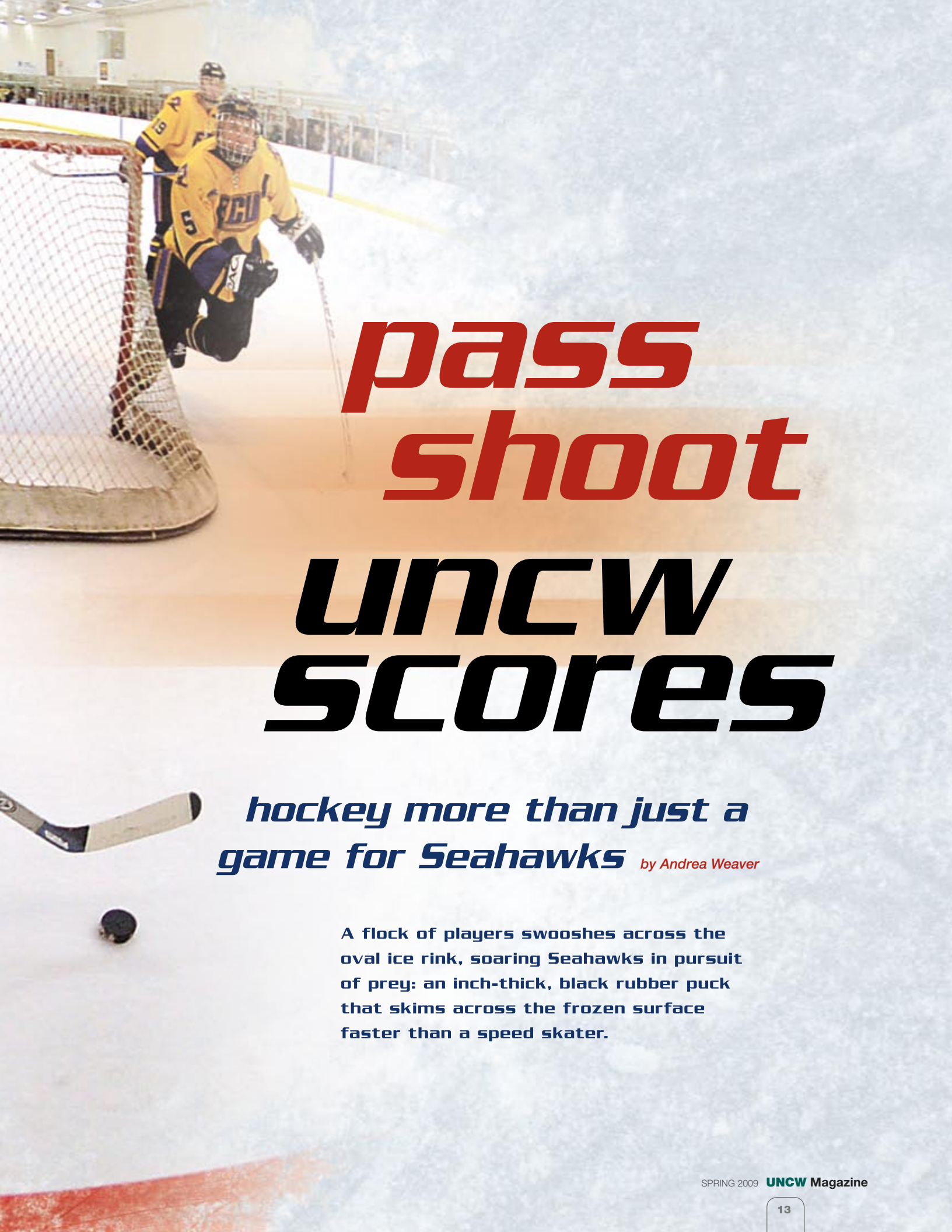
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pass shoot

UNCW scores

*hockey more than just a
game for Seahawks* by Andrea Weaver

A flock of players swooshes across the oval ice rink, soaring Seahawks in pursuit of prey: an inch-thick, black rubber puck that skims across the frozen surface faster than a speed skater.

Their oversize teal jerseys flap like wings as they converge around the puck, stealing it from determined defenders, pirates from the east. The skaters whiz over the ice, batting the puck back and forth with their curved sticks. Mere seconds pass as they position themselves around the goal to set up a play. Pass... shoot... UNCW scores!

Wait a minute... UNCW has an ice hockey team?

An outstanding surf club – that's a given at UNCW. And everyone knows the Seahawks are champion swimmers and divers. But, an ice hockey team at the big W?

Yes. And the players are good, too. So good that, in January, they clinched top place in the Carolina Division of the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference (BRHC) for the second consecutive year. Teams from 18 schools compete in the BRHC, including Appalachian State, George Mason, N.C. State and East Carolina University, the Seahawks' top rivals.



The ice hockey team is one of 26 clubs in the UNCW Sport Club Program, administered by the campus recreation department. Students established the club five years ago, and the team has found its footing the past two seasons, competing in the conference championship in 2008. The team's 27 members range from Northerners who grew up playing the game to Southerners who grew up watching the Carolina Hurricanes compete in Raleigh. Two team members hail from California; one player is an international student from Sweden.

Regardless of their backgrounds, they all share a commitment to the team and the university that helps them make good on their dream to play competitive hockey.

"The support we receive from the university and the student body is amazing," says club co-president Sean Wilen, a sophomore from Annapolis, Md. "We usually have 200-300 fans at our games in Wilmington."

The club organizes the games and practices, handles travel arrangements and provides team jerseys and socks. The players provide their own helmets, pads and sticks and contribute \$650 each to participate, most of which is used to pay for ice time. They are coached by Walker Coady, an experienced youth hockey coach who spent 20 years with the Washington Little Capitals.

The team plays and practices at the Wilmington Ice House, a skating center recognized within the industry as one of the best rinks in North Carolina. The players compete on weekends and fit their practice time – once a week, 10 p.m. to midnight – around their studies.

"Learning time management is crucial. There are no excuses for not getting your work done. I'm here for an education," says Wilen, a finance and Spanish major. He also is taking pre-medicine courses with the long-term goal of becoming a doctor.

To hear Wilen and his teammates talk, the UNCW hockey club is as much about sportsmanship as it is about sport. Dedication, loyalty, leadership and teamwork – these are the skills the students come away with at the end of each season.

"I've learned how to run a meeting, how to organize things, how to recruit players and market the team," Wilen says.

"It is like a business," adds co-president Craig Mistarz. "You have to be organized, and you have to work well in a team environment. You can always achieve more as a team than you can as an individual. Employers are looking for skills like that."

For Mistarz, a senior accounting major from Schererville, Ind., the camaraderie he has found with his friends on the hockey team reflects his overall UNCW experience. The teammates encourage each other to give their best effort, just as his professors do.

"I am on a first-name basis with many of my professors. They do as much as they can to help me and other students. They genuinely care about us, and about how well we are doing," he says.

On the ice, the UNCW hockey team is soaring to greatness. From last place in their first season to challenging for conference championships, the students have found the keys to success. Off the ice, they are grounded in the reality that their teal jerseys stand for sportsmanship and school pride. They stand for UNCW.

Mistarz says, "At the rink, younger kids watch us. They know we play for UNCW. We are role models for them, and we sense that as a team."

"Those little kids do look up to us, how we handle ourselves, how we carry ourselves," Wilen adds. "It gives us a feeling that we might have an impact on some people who might want to go to UNCW in the future."

**about the UNCW
hockey team
2008-09 season**

11-9 overall

7-1 in conference, division champions

Roster: 27

Coach: Walker Coady

Sponsors: Digitaurus Printing, Wilmington Ice House, Mainstay Inn & Suites and Carolina Commercial Flooring

Web site: www.brhockey.com/uncwilmington

making history 1980's

by William S. Davis '08M



Student **Colleen Griffiths** examines an ultra-thin men's tie, in pink zebra print, that is part of the historical pieces representing the 1980s.

Photos by Nate Oxenfeld

Hidden behind a locked door on the second floor of UNCW's Morton Hall, there is a lab lined with secured cabinets holding relics of a bygone era.

behind closed doors

The room, which models the storage and exhibit preparation spaces of an actual museum, is used by students in the graduate-level public history program to polish the skills they will need as professionals in the field.

"This space is a way for students to have the experience of working in that back-stage space," said William Moore,



director of public history. The department trains students to work as public historians, a field that includes museum curators, corporate archivists and historic preservationists.

Every year, the graduate students in the two-course sequence work through the process of creating a new museum exhibit. The first stage involves surveying public opinion, followed by extensive research, planning and collection of artifacts. To build the collection, students scoured their parents' closets, solicited donations and tapped into a department fund to buy artifacts on Internet sites like eBay. After months of preparation, the students mount and label the collected artifacts and arrange them in an exhibit space set aside on the second floor of Randall Library.

The upcoming exhibit will examine the materialism of the 1980s. Artifacts include "historic" relics such as a Cabbage Patch Kid doll, a Member's Only jacket and a laserdisc copy of Flashdance. The students wear white linen gloves as they delicately handle the items, just as they would in an actual museum.

During a Thursday night session, many of the 20-something students discussing the exhibit admit to having little or no memories of the decade. Just as they did for last year's exhibit on early 20th century garment workers, they must approach the period through research and examination of its artifacts.

Shannon SanCartier, a student in her third semester of the program, led the night's discussion on the best way to present the exhibit's theme. Guided by assistant professor Tammy Stone-Gordon, SanCartier and the class's other students struggled to translate their academic research into the clear and succinct language that marks a successful museum exhibit.

For SanCartier, the UNCW program stood above others she considered because of the mix of such practical experiences and a firm academic grounding. Unlike many public history programs, students are required to produce a thesis along with their exhibit work.

"Everything here is designed for when you get into the field," said SanCartier. "You get hands-on design experience. You get a lot of theory and hands-on practice."

University-level public history education grew out of the rapid expansion of the number of historical sites and museums in the latter half of the 20th century. These institutions required professionals with a set of skills and knowledge distinct from the traditional roles of academically trained historians. Graduate level history programs prepared students to work as scholars and instructors, but included little or no instruction aimed at preparing students to become historical curators, interpreters and directors.

To meet this need, the University of California, Santa Barbara began the first

public history program in the United States in 1976. Today, more than 60 universities offer public history tracks, programs and departments.

At UNCW, the department prepares students for their future careers by requiring them to pursue internships during their studies. The department also matches students with community organizations and small museums which need help designing exhibits. This year, the department helped the African-American Heritage Museum of Wilmington design a Web sign and plan the future exhibit space when the museum opens.

The department aims at preparing students who can enter the field immediately upon graduation. "The real goal is employment," said Moore.

Many of the department's graduates have gone on to prominent positions in museums across the country. **Katie Abbott '07M** now serves as curator of the Ironworld Museum in Chisholm, Minn., one of the largest in the state that features exhibits exploring the iron mining industry.

Price said after she received her bachelor's degree, she knew she wanted to continue her education in history, but did not want to teach in a formal setting. The program both trained her as a historian and gave her the practical skills needed to work as a public historian.

"Public historians are asked to wear many hats. I not only use my exhibit training, but have also been called upon to help with the preservation of historic structures, collection's care, oral history interviews and, trust me, the list goes on," said Price.

For the students still at UNCW, the work goes on to prepare for the new exhibit, which will go up at the end of the semester. Stone-Gordon said the students have a lot of work to do before they begin fabricating the exhibit. They also welcome donations of artifacts to help them along.

"If any of the alumni have old preppy shirts, we'll take them," said Stone-Gordon.

{ MIX OF PROGRAMS ENGAGE RETIRED SENIORS }



‘get stirred in’

by William S. Davis '08M

When Owen Wexler and his wife Myrna retired to Wilmington, they knew they wanted a way to become involved in the community. For the Wexlers, the University of North Carolina Wilmington provided their avenue to a wealth of experiences at the university and beyond.

As a university volunteer, Wexler said he has done everything from acting as an usher at Kenan Auditorium and assisting as a counselor at a university day camp to collecting samples on a university research vessel. The contacts he made took him beyond the university, leading both him and his wife to volunteer opportunities with the Red Cross, Cape Fear Museum, the Cape Fear Jazz Society and other community, political and artistic organizations.

“There’s an opportunity to get involved in the soup and get stirred in,” said Wexler. “There’s a tremendous amount of stuff that you can cross generate.”

A retired professional in the health-care services industry, John Hatcher became involved in the Cameron School of Business Cameron Executive Network. The network pairs working and retired executive-level professionals with promising business majors, mostly junior and seniors. Every semester, the network’s mentors impart their life experiences to the students, helping them avoid the stumbles and pitfalls facing young professionals.

“It appealed to me. I’d been a mentor in my corporate life. I thought I could bring something to the table,” said Hatcher. “I wish I had the opportunity when I was a junior or senior.”

The university offers a wealth of avenues to volunteer, said Wexler. The key to finding these opportunities, said Wexler, “is meeting people and reaching out.” Once you begin to volunteer and demonstrate your abilities, said Wexler, the range of options offered expand.

“The easiest way, if you were a newbie, would be to start through OLLI,” said Wexler.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is the university’s bridge to the senior community. Through its programs, more than 1,000 members take part in activities ranging from the PLATO series of discussions on issues ranging from literature to foreign policy; tours led by university faculty and other distinguished instructors to locations such as Tuscany, the Canadian Rockies and the American West; day trips to Brunswick Town and the North Carolina Theater in Raleigh; lunches, cabaret dinners and Sunday brunches featuring lectures on topics like Pakistan, China and Mother Teresa; and the Ocean Odyssey program, which offers weekly discussions on environmental and marine science topics.

Murray Sherman said the appeal of OLLI comes from the diverse background of the seniors involved. With membership open to any member of the community 50 and over, many of the group’s members come from academic, professional, diplomatic and government backgrounds.



Jamie Moncrief

Members of the Adult Scholars Leadership Program (ASLP) host an icebreaker as they kick off a new year of classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UNC Wilmington.

The community the program builds can be particularly beneficial to professional seniors whose careers have taken them to new communities, said Kali Lightfoot, executive director of the National Resource Center for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. One of the side effects of the mobility required by many working in academia and corporate America is that seniors can find themselves isolated in new communities, far from family and friends.

"The nice thing about OLLI is that people can take classes with people who are interested in the same things they are," said Lightfoot.

"These people are generally very well educated," said Sherman. "Just because they are retired, it doesn't mean they crawl into a hole."

One of the institute's goals is to reach out to retirees from a diverse range of educational and socio-economic backgrounds, said Karel Dutton, director of continuing studies at UNCW. For the past three years, the institute has worked with the

Wilmington Housing Authority to offer classes off-campus on topics like memory retention and ways to "energize your mind, body and spirit." It also has hired a diversity coordinator to develop programs for a wider audience of the region's seniors.

In 1993, Ed Doran and his wife, Stella, moved to Wilmington from White Plains, N.Y., and began attending events at Kenan Auditorium. After they discovered the PLATO courses and other activities at the university, the university became an enjoyable part of their lives, Doran noted.

"We took art classes, photography classes. It's been good to us," said Doran. "I met a lot of nice people."

The couple's experience led them to include the university in their wills and when Stella passed away, Doran said he embraced an opportunity to give back to the university. He decided to endow a travel scholarship that has so far benefited four students.

"I'm so happy that I did," said Doran.

Benefits of lifelong learning

Founded by Bernard Osher, one of the world's wealthiest men, the Osher Institutes follow a model similar to the Institute for Retired Professionals developed in 1962 by the New School for Social Research in New York at the request of a group of retired New York City school teachers seeking a source of mental stimulation.

UNCW's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute was founded in 2005 with a \$100,000 grant from the Osher Foundation; a \$1 million gift in 2007 established an endowment which allows the institute to remain financially independent and self-supporting.

UNCW may be eligible for an additional \$1 million from the Osher Foundation, if it can reach 1,000 members by June 30. Memberships, beginning at \$20 a semester, are open to anyone age 50 and over.

www.uncw.edu/olli

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UNCW policy on voluntary service on campus

{ www.uncw.edu/policies/08-180-voluntaryserviceoncampus.htm

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{ www.uncw.edu/www/visitorsInvolveOpps.html

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

{ Karel Dutton, duttonk@uncw.edu, 962.3644, www.uncw.edu/olli

Cameron executive involvement

{ Barb Biehner, biehnerb@uncw.edu, 962.3071, www.csb.uncw.edu/executive

Quality Enhancement for Nonprofit Organizations (QENO)

{ Steve Demski, demsakis@uncw.edu, 962.3426, www.uncw.edu/qeno

College Day

{ 962.3111
{ www.uncw.edu/collegeday

Randall Library

{ libref@uncw.edu, 962.3760
{ <http://library.uncw.edu>

Cultural events

{ www.uncw.edu/arts

Athletic events

{ www.uncwsports.com

Alumni association

{ alumni@uncw.edu, 800.596.2880
{ www.uncw.edu/alumni/volunteer.html

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Small gift makes a global impact on a student

Amanda Case's '09 life has been forever changed by the kindness of a stranger.

With the Stella Doran International Studies Award given by Ed Doran in honor of his late wife, Case trekked more than 20,000 miles in 2007 to study abroad in Scotland and South Africa.

During her year-long excursion on the other side of the globe, the sociology major befriended a former African child soldier, explored the rich art districts of Paris, observed the poverty of a post-Apartheid shantytown, spent New Year's Day on the emerald Isle of Mann and saw the world through new eyes.

"I had never been out of the country before," said Case. "You have all of these ideas about what things will be like before you leave, but really, I learned that we are all pretty similar to people on the other side of the world. The roots of so many of our social problems are the same."

Case had always wanted to explore the world, but she said it was hard to overcome the many fears she had about traveling, namely the cost.

"It was so expensive to study abroad, but it was the best thing I have ever done in my life. That is why I am so grateful to Mr. Doran. It means so much to me that he gave the gift of travel to someone he had never met, and now I am determined to give back like that."

Since her return to the United States, Case has emulated her donor's generosity as an intern at the Wilmington Housing Authority Hillcrest Community Center, where she participates in a reading program for diverse children and applies her reinforced belief that all people are equal, regardless of their race or culture.

"My time abroad kind of woke me up and gave me new direction," said Case.

After graduation, Case now hopes to teach English as second language to students in Asia or serve as a community development volunteer in the Peace Corps, dreams she said she "may have given up on had I not been able to experience life abroad when I did."

To learn how you can change a student's life, visit www.uncw.edu/give.

Landfall by Andrea Weaver

A foundation of support for UNCW

Using an innovative approach to the classic work-study program, the Landfall Foundation gives scholarships to UNCW students who work for the Country Club of Landfall and the Council of Associations, the Landfall property owners' association.

Since 2005, the foundation has assisted 66 UNCW scholars, providing \$135,000 in scholarships. Employees who attend Cape Fear and Brunswick County community colleges and Miller Motte have received scholarships, too. Overall, hundreds of students from regional institutions have benefitted from the foundation's scholarships since its inception in 1996.

"Landfall residents are blessed to have so many UNCW students working for the Country Club of Landfall and the property owners' association," says Carol Cunningham, president of the foundation's Board of Directors. "The Landfall Foundation recognizes them with our scholarship program. These scholarships have had a very positive effect on the recruitment and retention of outstanding employees."

Steve McCrossan '06, events manager at the Landfall Country Club and a graduate student at UNCW, says the foundation scholarship has helped him personally and professionally.

"I wouldn't have gone on to graduate school if it wasn't for the scholarship, or grant, the foundation gives me," says McCrossan, who is earning a master's degree in liberal studies. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from UNCW. "I wanted to keep going to school; I like learning, but I couldn't have come back to college without their help."

He also uses the foundation scholarships to inspire UNCW students who work for him at the club. McCrossan says, "It's kind of a recruiting tool for me. When I tell them they can get a reimbursement for their tuition, their eyes kind of light up. This is a great opportunity, and I tell them to use it."

The scholarship program is a prime example of the unique bond between the Landfall community and the university.

"Landfall and UNCW have an incredible synergy," Cunningham says. "Both benefit from the relationship. Many people who have moved to Landfall from out of town have stated that the presence of the university was a principal reason for moving here. UNCW provides opportunities including continuing education, musical concerts and art performances, sports, teaching and mentoring."

In UNCW, the Landfall Foundation has a partner equally committed to community outreach. The foundation's mission is to support the arts, education, health and welfare of Wilmington and surrounding communities. Since it was formed, the foundation has donated more than \$1.6 million to area schools, libraries, health care agencies, shelters, community programs for children and more, including more than \$26,000 in grants to UNCW programs.

Many Landfall residents have adopted the university as their new, hometown school. They support a variety of scholarships and other funds at UNCW. In addition, they volunteer as student mentors, serve on numerous campus boards, attend countless cultural arts events and lectures, and support campus athletic programs as individuals and as a community. For example, the Landfall Tradition is a celebrated college golf tournament and, in 2010, the NCAA Women's Golf Championships will be held at the Country Club of Landfall.

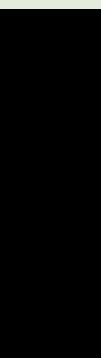
"UNCW is extremely grateful to the Landfall Foundation, and the entire Landfall community, for supporting our students, faculty and staff," says Mary M. Gornto, vice chancellor for university advancement. "We appreciate the many ways in which they contribute to making the UNCW experience so special, and we believe that it is a mutually beneficial partnership that we anticipate lasting for many years."



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1. Nikkita Johnson, a diversity scholarship donor, spoke at the Scholarship Donor Appreciation Dinner in February.
2. George Rountree is pictured with members of the UNCW basketball team who benefit from his scholarship donations: Montez Downey, Dominique Lacy, Chad Tomko, Darryl Felder and Marlo Davis.
3. Donors Richard and Elaine Mueller met their scholarship recipient Deborah Styron, center.
4. Monica Watson (center) is pictured with her scholarship recipients, Kathleen Casto and Elise Bardsley.

Scholarships create legacy at UNCW

UNCW always has been dedicated to making certain our students excel. Although the university has grown from a few hundred students in the 1950s to about 12,500 now, UNCW continues to focus on the individuals who really matter – students.

Attracting and retaining talented, diverse students is essential to providing the most powerful learning experience possible. The university selects students based on their academic performance, dedication and potential rather than their families' financial circumstances. Scholarships enable a variety of deserving students to attend UNCW. Priorities include:

- ✿ Merit scholarships
- ✿ Diversity scholarships
- ✿ Student-athlete scholarships
- ✿ Departmental and program-based scholarships
- ✿ Graduate fellowships
- ✿ Funds to support applied learning experiences, including undergraduate research, travel and service learning

If you want to make a meaningful difference at UNCW, and in the lives of countless students, consider establishing an endowed scholarship. They are a permanent part of the UNCW financial aid program as well as a permanent component of the university's endowment, which means an endowed scholarship created now will assist students for years to come.

Donors have many options to consider when funding a scholarship – such as an outright cash donation, a gift of stock or property, or a planned gift. Please contact Eddie Stuart, senior development director with University Advancement, at 910.962.7665 to discuss your ideas for an endowed scholarship. To contribute to an existing scholarship, visit www.uncw.edu/giveonline. American Express Card contributions now accepted in addition to MasterCard and Visa.

Investing in UNCW

"Gift planning" is the simple process of determining how you plan to support your favorite charity now and in the future, and involves putting your gift intentions in writing.

To include UNCW in your estate plans requires a thoughtful and generous decision. You may provide for the university through a bequest in your will or trust; as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, CD or IRA account, charitable lead or remainder trust, or by creating a charitable gift annuity.

Gift plans are flexible by design; they can be fashioned from almost any marketable

asset or cash. Your plan might create immediate financial support or build long-term endowment.

Whatever you decide, a planned gift to benefit UNCW is filled with the potential to assist you and your family with estate taxes and to assist generations of students with their dreams of a college education.

For more information about gift planning opportunities at UNCW, contact Herb Bailey, director of development for planned giving, at 910.962.314 or baileyjh@uncw.edu.

www.uncw.edu/plannedgiving



Sherick Hughes '97

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo

Rebecca Scherrer '00

Alumni Association salutes *2009 award winners* by Andrea Weaver

Nominations for 2010 Alumni Association Awards

Have a friend, mentor or colleague who deserves recognition from the UNCW Alumni Association? Nominate him or her for an award. Nominations are due by July 1. Visit www.uncw.edu/alumni for criteria and more information.

Young Alumna of the Year

Rebecca Scherrer '00

Law Clerk for Judge Robert N. Hunter Jr.
N.C. Court of Appeals
J.D., Northeastern University School of Law, 2005

"From the time I was 16, I knew I wanted to go to UNCW. It is one of the best decisions I ever made... My best UNCW experience is being an alumna. When I came back to North Carolina after law school, I didn't have a job. I learned that Judge Tyson graduated from UNCW. I e-mailed him, and within two hours, he e-mailed me back." They met at a luncheon for attorneys about a week later, and Tyson helped Scherrer obtain her first law clerk position in North Carolina. "He actually allowed me to do what I knew I was capable of doing, what I wanted to do the whole time. I only hope one day that I can help another UNCW graduate as he has helped me." – Rebecca Scherrer

"I'm very proud of her."

– John M. Tyson '75, mentor and friend

Tyson, an adjunct professor with the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University, formerly served as a judge with the N.C. Court of Appeals. He was the 2006 Alumnus of the Year.

Citizen of the Year

Jerry Wilkins

UNCW Corporation Board of Directors
Former chair, UNCW Foundation Board
Retired senior vice president, BB&T

"I can't tell you how much I appreciate this award. It means a lot to my family and me."

– Jerry Wilkins

A longtime UNCW donor and volunteer, Wilkins was influential in helping UNCW alumni obtain a bank loan in the 1990s to refurbish the Wise Alumni House. In the community, Wilkins has been a member of the Wilmington Rotary Club, an active supporter of the Cape Fear Area Boy Scouts and a member of the Wilmington Excellence Committee. In 2005, the governor appointed Wilkins to the USS NC Battleship Commission.

"I have known Jerry for 40 years. He has been a great contributor to the Wilmington community and to UNC Wilmington. He is a person of extremely high integrity. If Jerry tells you something, you can depend on it."

– Robert F. Warwick '55

Alumnus of the Year

Sherick Hughes '97

Assistant professor, School of Education,
University of Maryland, College Park
M.A., Wake Forest University
M.P.A., Institute of Government,
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Ph.D., School of Education, UNC Chapel Hill

"From my home near our nation's capital, I stand in the yard and look out at the stars with my daughter. We see a star rising in the Southeast. When I come back here to campus and see all that this university is becoming, I can now tell my daughter that rising star is the University of North Carolina Wilmington." – Sherick Hughes

Hughes is recognized as a promising young leader in the field of minority and urban education. He previously taught at the University of Toledo. He has published numerous articles related to cultural diversity and education in peer-reviewed publications as well as two books, including *Black Hands in the Biscuits Not in the Classrooms: Unveiling Hope in a Struggle for Brown's Promise*, the Association of Education Services Agencies 2007 Critics' Choice Award selection. He excels despite numerous challenges caused by rheumatoid arthritis.

Known among his UNCW friends as "Roc," Hughes was an outgoing student who excelled at intramural rugby. He was elected Homecoming King his senior year. He and his wife Megan met at UNCW, where she watched him play basketball behind Galloway Hall.

An excerpt from Megan Hughes' nomination letter:

"While this is a letter of nomination, it is also a love letter and an expression of deep appreciation for a man who has faced a great challenge and continues to tackle it with humor, energy and, above all, hopefulness. It is a grateful acknowledgement to UNCW and the Wilmington community for bringing us to the same space and time 15 years ago. And it is a song of devotion to my husband."



Jamie Moncrief

Jerry Wilkins



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- 1 Sophomore Michael Barcelo got some help from his Delta Chi fraternity brothers as he strapped on his wings before the homecoming parade through campus.
- 2 Jerel Stephenson rocketed between a pair of Dukes as the Seahawks battled James Madison University during the homecoming basketball game. JMU defeated the 'Hawks in the final minutes of the game, 79-73.
- 3 Outgoing homecoming king Brian Ford (left) and queen Leigh Stracke (right) are pictured backstage at Trask Coliseum with the just-crowned 2009 king Mick Glassmacher and queen Erin Albee.
- 4 Physical Graffiti, UNCW's hip-hop dance team, performed at the 12th annual Port City Step Show in Kenan Auditorium, part of the 2009 "Turn Loose Your Teal" homecoming events.
- 5 Student groups made their way through the heart of campus during the annual homecoming parade.

Photos by Autumn Beam and Jamie Moncrief

Relive the memories by reviewing the photo gallery at
www.uncw.edu/alumni/2009homecoming.htm.

2009 homecoming

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1950s

Bob Warwick '55 marked his 50th year with the accounting, tax and business consulting firm, RSM McGladrey.

1960s

Jim Farlow '66 of The Farlow Group, a construction company that builds homes in the Wilmington area, was featured in the Nov. 14, 2008, edition of *Greater Wilmington Business Journal*.

1970s

Jim Harris '70 retired in January 2009 after 19 years of service at UNC Wilmington where he was the associate director of housing operations. He was in charge of coordinating major housing projects on campus including International, Honors and Cornerstone halls, Seahawk Village, Landing and Crossing.

Bruce Cavanaugh '73 was profiled in the May 30, 2008, issue of *Greater Wilmington Business Journal*.

Greg Dalton '74 retired in December 2008 after 31 years in UNCW's athletics department where he was senior associate athletic director for business affairs. Dalton oversaw the department's daily internal operations and was sports supervisor for baseball, men's and women's golf and swimming and diving.

Edgar B. Dickens '74 passed away Nov. 18, 2007. Survivors include his sister, Janice Dickens Manyak '78 of Ellicott City, Md.

Ed Ellis '76 heads up disaster relief coordination in seven states through the Housing and Urban Development Department in Fort Worth, Texas. He is the former head of Liberation Community, an organization that helps people with limited funds get financing for homes.

Frances Gray Smith '77 received an Ed. D. in Higher Education Administration from George Washington University in May 2008. Her dissertation focused on "The Perceptions of Universal Design for Learning in College Classrooms." Frances is a collateral faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University and a visiting adjunct professor at GWU.

Paul W. Dempsey '78 is the pharmacy director for Hot Springs Health Program in Marshall.

Paintings by Eric Lawing '78, an art professor at UNCW, were showcased in the exhibit "The Measure of All Things" at Cameron Art Museum and "Au Natural" at New Elements Gallery.

1980s

Skip Watkins '80, '88M represents Capital Investment Companies in Crescent State Bank's Wilmington offices.

Alvin D. Davis '81 teaches ninth through twelfth grade chemistry and physics at North Duplin High School in Mount Olive.

Nancy Bullington Carter '82, a pastel artist living in Washington, D.C., was awarded Best in Show for an exhibit juried by Wilford W. Scott of the National Gallery of Art. Her works are included in collections at New Elements Gallery in Wilmington. Samples of her work can be viewed at www.nancycarterartist.com.

Michele Skeele '82 is a parent sponsor of the Hendersonville High School skiing and snowboarding team. She works for the Council on Aging in Hendersonville. She was featured in a Jan. 25, 2009, article on BlueRidgeNow.com.

Alvin Brantley '83 is the postmaster in Kinston and teaches postal service technology at the Lenoir Community College.

Deborah L. Newton '83 has her own solo practice, Newton Law, a firm that concentrates in state and federal criminal trial and appeal work. She was selected for a four-year term on the Criminal Justice Act panel of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, representing indigent criminal defendants on appeal and in death penalty appeals. She was president of the Wake County Academy of Criminal Trial Lawyers in 2007 and 2008. Her daughter Brittany is a theatre and history major at UNCW.

Charles D. Horne '84 is president and managing partner for Pittard, Perry & Crone Inc. and is responsible for the management of the firm's six offices in eastern North Carolina.

Lt. Everett Clendenin '85 was promoted to captain of the N.C. Highway Patrol. He is the patrol's media representative and oversees the patrol's enforcement operations.

Sabrina Hart '85 was appointed head of risk operations in group risk management with Zurich North America Commercial in New York.

Darlene Gresham Waddell '85 was appointed to the N.C. Council on Women, which advises the governor and state legislature about education and employment of women in the state. She is the executive director of the N.C. Global TransPark Authority and a member of the National Association of Foreign Trade Zones.

Cindy Cheatham '86 is the capital campaign development manager for the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Brunswick County Hospice Care Center. Cheatham owns Shallotte and Southport Cleaners, a company that has received both the Brunswick Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year award and the Best of Brunswick Reader's Choice award.

Jean Jones '86 was awarded the Ethel N. Fortner Writer and Community Award from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg. His poetry collection, "The Birds of Djakarta" was published by St. Andrews College Press.

Lisa R. Brown '88 is the 2008-09 Teacher of the Year at Cerro Gordo Elementary School.

Kimberly Kopka Ratcliff '88 was crowned celebrity queen of North Carolina Pecan Harvest Festival. She is the co-anchor of Carolina in the Morning on WECT and Fox26.

Jeffrey J. Cole '89 opened his second business in North Carolina, Cole & Moyer Enterprises Inc. It is an extension of Cole & Skinner Insurance Services which was established in 1989.

Todd K. Hinson '89 is a research scientist doing molecular biology work with Athenix Corp., a agricultural biotech company in Research Triangle Park. He volunteers with the Northern Junior Athletic Association in northern Durham County.

Sara Schilling Lipman '89 is the director of external relations for the College of Business at Ohio University.

Christine Alderman Powers '89 is the 2008-09 Teacher of the Year at the elementary school at the Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina.

1990s

Larry Neal '90 and his wife Triscina announce the birth of Kertsin Deanne on Oct. 1, 2008. Larry is chief of museum services and education with the N.C. Transportation Museum.

Wendy Cain Sholar '90 is a full-time instructor in Bladen Community College's nursing department.

David C. Rouse '90 and Jennifer S. Holmes were married July 26, 2008.

Tammy K. Baggett '91 is the assistant director of the New Hanover County Public Library.

Rita Hollostick Newlands '91 and her husband Craig announce the birth of Logan W. on June 12, 2008. They reside in Los Angeles.

Kelly Greene Petrill '91 and her husband Scott announce the birth of Victoria Ana on Nov. 16, 2008. They reside in Wingate.

LaChawn Smith '91, '98M was named 2008 Principle of the Year at Murray Middle School.

Britt M. Coleman '92 and Robert T. Sterling were married June 15, 2008.

Frederick P. Clingenpeel '92, '08M is the police chief in Belhaven.

Mark A. Hicks '92 and his wife Nichole announce the birth of William Gray on Nov 26, 2008.

Bill McLean '92 is the assistant rowing coach at Southern Methodist Community.

Ken Oots '92 is the manager of conferencing and global business development for the Whitlock Group, an audio and video systems integration firm in Wilmington.

Newell Clark '93 had his master's thesis on display at Arts United of Davidson County. The thesis, "Proof: A Photographic Study into John F. Kennedy's Assassination," was a multimedia display questioning whether or not there was a second gunman involved in the president's shooting.

Ryan Draughn '93 was named one of the *Triangle Business Journal's* 40 under 40 winner. Ryan is the information technology director for Lee County Government.

Rich C. Glenn '93 is assistant vice president and commercial banking officer with Waccamaw Bank. He is president of the Elizabethtown-White Lake Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Elizabethtown Rotary Club and Bladen We Care committee, executive board member of the Cape Fear Council of Boy Scouts, coach in the Bladen County Recreation Department and elder in Elizabeth First Presbyterian Church.

Michael A. Ray '94, eastern Wake community executive for Crescent State Bank, was named to the Knightdale Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He resides in Wake Forest.

David Smith '94 was promoted to command sergeant major of the 1/252 Combined Arms Battalion, N.C. Army National Guard. He is deploying to Iraq as part of the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team in 2009.

Matthew J. '95 and Stacy Johnson '95 announce the birth of Parker Daniel on May 19, 2008. Stacy is the owner of From Thyme to Time Personal Chef Service.

Livian Jones '95M was appointed by Mayor Bill Saffo to the Wilmington Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Jones is a general contractor and vice president of John S. Clark Co.

Ana Diener Maring '95 and her husband Greg announce the birth of Thane Nainoa on Dec. 10, 2008.

Ryan A. Mueller '95 and his wife Jennifer announce the birth of Sophia Rae on Oct. 16, 2008. Ryan works in sales with Baldor Electric. (photo)

Christy L. Stanley '95, a teacher at Pender Success Academy, is Pender County's 2008-09 Teacher of the Year. She is pursuing a doctoral degree in educational leadership and administration.

Beverly Reynolds Turner '95 is the 2008-09 Teacher of the Year for Whiteville City Schools.

Stephanie Day Banton '96 and her husband Richard announce the birth of Jamison Grace on Jan. 14, 2008. They reside in Reston, Va.

Jay Barker '96, the owner of JEB Realty, was featured in the Feb. 12, 2009, issue of GoDanRiver.com for his purchase of 118-acre Dan River Inc. property in Danville, Va., which he plans to develop. He is also a part owner of Piedmont Big Sale and Kannenberg, Barker, Hale & Cotton.

Ashley G. Brown '96 and Sarah J. Kuster were married July 26, 2008.

Bobby Deskins '96 received the American Meteorological Society's designation of certified broadcast meteorologist. He has been with WCTI-TV 12 since February 2003.

Kristin A. Kluga '96 and Matthew P. Kluga were married May 31, 2008. She is a technical writer and communications specialist with Richard J. Princinsky & Associates Inc.

Kimberly J. Lund-Jones '96 and her husband Ronnie are moving to Japan where they will live for the next three years.

Luther R. '96 and Michelle Keener Midgette '95 announce the birth of Zoe Grace on July 3, 2008. (photo)

Steven J. Antini '97 and Amy Marie Olson were married Aug. 9, 2008. Steven is legal counsel for Glenport Inc. in Raleigh.

Colin D. Heaton '97 is the co-author of *Night Fighters: Luftwaffe and RAF Air Combat Over Europe: 1939-1945 with Anne-Marie Lewis*, published by the U.S. Naval Institute Press. Colin teaches at the American Military University.

Wesley E. '94 and Pamela Sanderson Hinson '97 announce the birth of twins, Zachary Glenn and Allison Grace, on Oct. 23, 2008. (photo)



Edelstein and Massey



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Sullins and Morris

John '97 and Brandy Casanova Metzger '97 announce the birth of Haley Ann on Sept. 25, 2008. Brandy is an academically or intelligently gifted teacher with New Hanover County Schools.

Jeff Wetmore '97 was promoted to vice president for commercial lending at Community Bank of Rowan. He is a Habitat for Humanity board member and is active with the United Way and chamber of commerce.

Jennifer Rogers Anderson '98 and her husband Josh announce the birth of Finley Rogers on Oct. 27, 2008. Jennifer is a clinical research associated with PPD Inc. in Wilmington. (photo)

Matthew K. Barker '98 is director of marketing for TeleHealth Services Inc. in Raleigh.

Stephanie Parker Bass '98 and her husband Deleon announce the birth of Cayden Lane on Sept. 9, 2008. (photo)

G. Keane '98 and Alison Setzer Bellamy '05M announce the birth of Halley Eve on Nov. 29, 2007. Alison is a first grade teacher in New Hanover County Schools, and Keane is an inventory manager with Southport Boatworks. (photo)

Alison P. Bennett '98 passed away Nov. 4, 2008. She was founder and co-owner of Sunset Construction Corporation Inc.

Bradley G. Buchanan '98 and Mindy Lea Carden were married June 7, 2008.

John T. Edwards '98 and Tracie L. Hopper were married June 14, 2008. John is employed by the Department of Homeland Security in Roswell, N.M.

Kimberly G. Gibson '98 and Jason B. Brock '02 were married Aug. 2, 2008. Kimberly is a second grade teacher at Benson Elementary School, and Jason is the general manager of Carlie C's in Benson.

Latisha T. Petteway '98 received a bronze medal for commendable service from the Environmental Protection Agency. Latisha is a public affairs specialist at EPA headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

Michelle L. Poole '98 received a Master of Arts degree in educational psychology, measurement and evaluation from UNC-Chapel Hill in December 2008. She and her husband, **Ryan D. Fleek '97**, reside in Durham.

Mary E. Stallings '98 and Johnnie A. Pippen, Jr. '97 were married Sept. 20, 2008.

Carin Z. Faulkner '99, '08M is the town clerk for North Topsail Beach. A lecturer at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College in the British Virgin Islands and now on study leave, **Cassander O'Neal '99** was awarded a diploma in university teaching from the University of New Brunswick-Saint John in Canada. Cassander is pursuing a Ph.D. in marine biology with a concentration in ecotoxicology and pollution. Her project is focusing on tributyltin, a biocide found in anti-fouling paint to deter algae, barnacles and other organisms from settling on the bottom of boats.

Jill Raspet '99 of the Wilmington office of Smith Moore Leatherwood, LLP, was certified as a specialist in estate planning and probate law. Jill's other professional affiliations include: chair of the Estate Administration Manual Committee, Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association, and member of New Hanover County Estate Planning Council.

2000s

Justin C. Barber '00 and Cristina M. Muirhead announce the birth of Maxwell Julian on June 25, 2008. Justin is a senior investment specialist at Obelisk International.

Jessica Marshall Bradley '00 is the executive director of the ASCEND Foundation.

Brian Cox '00 is managing director of the Carolina Condrey Group's district office in Wilmington as part of the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network serving eastern North Carolina.

David C. Davis '00 and Erin M. Sowell were married Nov. 1, 2008. David is the sales manager at East Carolina Chrysler Dodge.

Matt Davis '00 is the owner Discount Quality Furniture in Thomasville. He was featured in the June 29, 2008, issue of the *Winston-Salem Journal*.

David M. '00 and Jennifer Owens Durham '00 announce the birth of Luke Christopher on June 26, 2008. They reside in Burlington.

Benjamin R. Hall '00 was named Stokes County 2009 Wachovia Principal of the Year. Russell is a principal at Nancy Reynolds Elementary School.

Shannon Kinser '00 was named as one of the top "Under 40" workers in southeastern Virginia by the Hampton Roads magazine *Inside Business*. Kinser is the president of the Currituck Chamber of Commerce in Currituck County, N.C.

Jennifer Patterson Mickey '00 and her husband Charlie announce the birth of Addison Grace on July 25, 2008.

Erica Peedin '00 and Kristopher Cottle '07 were married April 12, 2008. Erica is vice president of production and Kristopher is the life and financial director; both work for Sheally Insurance Group in Wilmington.

Laura J. Grimes '01 and Ryan W. Holland were married Sept. 20, 2008.

Daniel Guthery '01 and Melissa Volpini were married May 20, 2006. They live in Charlotte where Daniel is employed by Eastern Industrial Supplies Inc.

Tara Biddy Killian '01 and her husband Gordon announce the birth of Savannah Rae on Feb. 6, 2008. A teacher with Newton-Conover City Schools, Tara received National Board Certification.

Jillian DeSarno Kristick '01 and her husband Kevin announces the birth of Lilly Elizabeth on Aug. 6, 2008.

Adam Murray '01, interim dean of university libraries at Murray State University, was selected to participate in the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders Program for 2009.

Greg '01 and Leslie Grimes Parr '00 announce the birth of Brayden on Oct. 13, 2008.

Karen Harney Saint-Lot '01 is the broker-in-charge and manager of the Real Estate Owned Department of Benham Real Estate Group in Wilmington.

Dahlia T. Sullins '01 and Tony C. Morris '00 were married Oct. 18, 2008. (photo)

Andrew Abbott '02 exhibited his artwork during February 2009 in the Lemarche Lounge of Smith Union at Bowdoin College.

Stephanie Brooks '02 and Jason P. Hawver were married March 29, 2008. They reside in Denton, Texas.

Anna C. Clark '02 and Ryan C. Murphy were married Sept. 27, 2008.

John C. Clark '02 and Shannon R. Williams were married Oct. 18, 2008.

Lindsay A. Craig '02 and Derek S. Haneline were married July 19, 2008. Lindsay is employed by Lincoln County Department of Social Services.

Marc Crispell '02 is the owner of Priddyboys Sandwich Grill in the University Landing, Wilmington, and Crispe Management Inc. He was profiled in the Nov. 14, 2008, issue of *Greater Wilmington Business Journal*.

Brandon Hills '02 is the national sales and marketing coordinator for Learfield Sports.

Julie Patterson Landen '02 and her husband Chad announce the birth of Taylor Elizabeth on April 12, 2008.

Matthew Leonard '02 joined the Rotary Club of St. Coix Mid-Isle in the U.S. Virgin Islands and volunteered to help rebuild a kitchen in the local boys and girls club on St. Croix.

Justin Lovich '02 works in the workers' compensation group of Burns, White & Hickton, LLC of Pittsburgh, Pa. He also provides pro bono services to Christian Legal Aid of Pittsburgh and is a member of the American Inns of Court.

Amy W. Norwood '02 and Donald I. Roush were married August 23, 2008. Amy is a newborn critical care nurse at the NC Children's Hospital.

Meghan Steffe '02 and Alan Barbieri '02 were married July 19, 2008. Meghan is a sales representative with Forest Pharmaceuticals, and Alan works as a territory manager with Tulsa Dental. They reside in Hoboken, N.J. (photo)

Zachary S. Crispin '03 passed away in April 2008.

Tate Johnson '03, '06M was appointed by Governor Beverly Perdue as the Eastern North Carolina director for the governor's office in New Bern.

Tom O'Neill '03 is vice president of marketing for Gateway Reality & Management.

Matthew G. '03 and Tosha Burchette Willard '03 announce the birth of Brody Grayson on Oct. 18, 2008. Matthew is an outside salesman with Pro Build.

ALUMNOTES

Anna E. Wrenn '03 and Michael D. Bruton were married Oct. 11, 2008. Anna is a registered dental hygienist at the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort.

Leah Brubak Benolken '04 and her husband Joel announce the birth of Isabel Hope on July 8, 2008.

Kristin Brigner '04 is superintendent of Raven Rock State Park in Harnett County. She is a certified environmental educator and holds intermediate law enforcement certification.

Sharon Edelstein '04 and **David Massey '06** were married May 31, 2008. Sharon is a special activities instructor at the N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher. (photo)

Tracey Boone Grisham '04 is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in teaching for early childhood and elementary education at Oregon State University.

Gina Evans Gore '04, a fifth grade teacher at Union Elementary School, was named the Walmart Teacher of the Year.

Gray C. Hagler '04 and **Richard B. Moore '99** were married July 26, 2008. Gray, an alcohol drug counselor with the Aiken Center, earned a Master of Education degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in August 2008. Richard is a cost analyst at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site.

Ryan M. Hohman '04 received a juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. He also has a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Lisa Phillips '04 and **Carter Derrick '04** were married May 16, 2008. Lisa is a registered nurse in the labor and delivery section of Moses Cone Health System. Carter works with East Coast Lumber Company. They live in Greensboro.

Courtney Ross Lewis '04 is the marketing coordinator for Bobbit Design Build in Raleigh.

Crystal Nutly '04 is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at NC State University. She is an accountant with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Amanda E. Simmons '04 and **Tyson D. Harton** were married June 7, 2008. Amanda is the manager of marketing for Hoffman & Hoffman Inc. (photo)

Megan G. Stanley '04 and **James G. Kesler** were married Sept. 6, 2008.

Kara B. Still '04M won an award of merit from the Indie Film Fest for her film *Altared*.

Jo Anne Blank '05 and **Robert K. Parker** were married Sept. 6, 2008.

Logan E. Bradshaw '05 and **Matthew R. Sullivan** were married Sept. 20, 2008.

Kimberly R. Bolen '05, a licensed psychological associate, is employed by Anchor Psychological & Counseling Services.

Michelle L. Dills '05 is the governmental affairs reporter for the *Kernersville News*.

Valerie Dryka '05 is the founder of Mr. & Mrs. Green Clean, a new eco-friendly cleaning service business in Wilmington.

Sonya N. Edens '05 and **Emery D. Smith** were married June 28, 2008.

At the International Free Diving competition in Egypt, **Ashley Futral '05**, a member of the American Women's Free

Diving Team, set a personal best depth record for breath hold diving to 55 meters (181 feet). She also completed in a breath holding underwater distance event.

Ryan G. Hilsinger '05 and **Keri L. Morgan** were married Sept. 20, 2008.

Benjamin A. Howell '05 and **Jamie D. Peele** were married Nov. 8, 2008.

Stephanie B. Humphrey '05 and **Joseph M. McGarry** were married Aug. 15, 2008.

Bryn McSwain '05 is the head boys' basketball coach at Ashley High School in Wilmington.

Ashley Breedlove Naleimale '05 and her husband Randy announce the birth of Christian Keali'i on July 30, 2008. Ashley is the deputy clerk in the Administrative Office of the Courts in Wilmington.

Beth Reed '05 is a market development assistant for Digital Switching Systems, LLC in Raleigh.

Carey Disney Ricks '05 is the public relations/public information officer for Cape Fear Public Utility Authority.

Sandra Tatum Matus '05 and her husband announce the birth of Caleb on Oct. 9, 2008. (photo)

Matthew Tullis '05M is an assistant professor at the Ashland University College of Arts and Sciences.

Logan E. Bradshaw '06 and **Matthew R. Sullivan** were married Sept. 20, 2008.

Kasi Thornton Brooks '06 and her husband Matthew announce the birth of Wyatt Xavier on June 25, 2008.

Kimberly Dunevant '06 and **Joseph Steppe** were married Sept. 6, 2008. (photo)

Kristin Krupa '06 and **Jason Burnette** were married July 7, 2008. Kristin is a teacher with the Wake County Public Schools.

June C. Cheatham '06 and **Colby A. Beamer '06** were married Nov. 15, 2008. June is an aesthetician and laser technician at Wilmington Plastic Surgery, and Colby is a physical education teacher with New Hanover County Schools.

Justine Hammer '06 and **William B. Clark '06** were married Aug. 8, 2008. Justine works as an education support specialist at Central Elementary School in Fluvanna County, Va., and William is an accounts manager at Venturi Staffing in Charlottesville, Va.

Douglas S. Cutting Jr. '06M and **Virginia A. Nichole** were married Nov. 15, 2008. Douglas is employed by Grubb & Ellis/Wilson Kibler, a timber, farm and recreational land sales firm.

Tammie Haynes Grady '06 is enrolled in Program Development in Family Life Education through NC State University's distance learning graduate studies. Her goal is to enroll in the human development and family studies master's program.

Amber Grogan Hacker '06 who works for Interfaith Youth Core was a guest writer on the *Washington Post* Web site's "On Faith" section.

T. Dean Heath Jr. '06 and **Carolyn Weaver** were married Oct. 4, 2008. Heath is a student recruiter at Cape Fear Community College.

Nancy E. Jones '06 and **James D. Harder '06** were married July 12, 2008.

Jenny Leeds '06 was named 2008 Teacher of the Year at Ogden Elementary School.

Robert D. Mendieta '06 is the creator of the Carolina Wake Series Tour, a competition for wake boarders of all levels.

Shannon Modla '06M, a research associate in the Delaware Biotechnology Institute's Bio-Imaging Center, was honored with the Microscopy Society of American's Professional Technical Staff Award for her study of viruses in marine ecosystems using a scanning electron microscope.

Lindsay V. Moffitt '06 and **John C. Dunn** were married July 12, 2008.

Matthew B. Vaughan '06 and **Carroll E. Jones** were married August 16, 2008. Matthew is employed by MMI Associates Inc., a public relations firm in Raleigh.

Virginia M. Bush '07 and **Jonathan A. Ferguson '06** were married Sept. 20, 2008.

Carver Carr '07 and **Christopher Wilson '07** were married Oct. 11, 2008.

Nevin Carr '07M is one of the owners of Arrowhead Energy Corporation, a Wilmington company that installs residential and commercial solar electric systems.

Brian Chandler '07 is a Web site designer and programmer with WordwrightWeb.

Philip R. Christmas '07 and **Tricia L. Hine** were married June 21, 2008. Philip is employed at Triangle Rent-A-Car.

Gray '07M and **Olivia Reed Dale '07M** announce the birth of Lake Reed on July 18, 2008. Olivia is a senior research and development molecular biologist at the University of Mississippi, and Gray is the director of development with the Oxford Lafayette Humane Society.

Carol Davis '07 is a human resources coordinator with McKim and Creed.

Britney A. Eldridge '07 and **Bradley B. Knighton** were married Sept. 13, 2008.

Melissa J. Costin '07 was named the 2008-09 Wachovia Assistant Principal of the Year. She works at South Caldwell High School.

Colbey Garrison '07 is the subject of a year-long profile of the experiences of a new teacher featured in the *Wilmington Star-News*. Garrison works at Freeman School of Engineering.

Sarah Grimm '07 and her husband **Brian** announce the birth of Hawk Daniel on Sept. 3, 2008. (photo)

Justine D. Hammer '07 and **William B. Clark** were married Aug. 8, 2008.

Shawna J. Keeney '07 spent part of August in Denmark, working with Crossing Borders, a nonprofit nongovernmental organization that tries to promote international understanding. She also helped Palestinian, Israeli and Jordanian students launch a magazine.

Brea E. Martin '07 and **Kevin L. Kelly '01** were married Nov. 8, 2008. Brea teaches at College Park Elementary School, and Kevin is employed by Mayer Electric Supply Company.

Niel Brooks '08M is the manager of parks and environmental programs in Leland.

2nd Lt. **Erika M. Hanson '08** graduated in August 2008 as a member of the 50th class of the N.C. Army National Guard Officer Candidate School. She will be deploying to Iraq in April 2009 for a second tour.

Carie Hett '08 volunteers at the YWCA documenting the diversity of trees, ferns and vines found in the nine acres of forest and wetlands behind the complex. She is building a creative teaching tool for the YWCA's environmental educators and the children at the camp.

Nikki E. Lamb '08 and **Justin A. Dellinger '08** were married July 19, 2008. Nikki is a special education teacher at Auburn High School, and Justin is a graduate student and teacher's assistant at Auburn University.

Heather L. Parks '08 and **Ian K. Hollingsworth** were married Aug. 30, 2008.

Bret T. Patterson '08 is a commercial line sales executive for the Jacksonville branch of SIA Group, a full-service insurance agency.

Lesley L. Potter '08 and **Jody T. Deaton '09** were married June 14, 2008. Leslie is employed by New Hanover County Schools.

Kathryn A. Snell '08 and **Christopher E. Swanson '08** were married May 31, 2008.

Mona Vance '08M was awarded the Glover Moore Prize by the Mississippi Historical Society for her thesis "Fighting the Wave of Change: Cultural Transformation and Coeducation at Mississippi University for Women, 1884-1982." The prize recognizes the best master's thesis on a topic in Mississippi history or biography completed the previous year. Mona is the archivist at Columbus-Lowndes Public Library in Columbus, Miss.

Kirsten R. Ward '08 and **Michael K. Paschal '07** were married Aug. 15, 2008.

Christopher R. Williams '08 and **Cassie A. Beamon** were married Aug. 2. Christopher is the assistant manager at Southern Finance in Conway, S.C.

Friends

John Nasuti, an associate professor for the Department of Social Work at UNCW, died at age 61 on Dec. 31, 2008. He was a faculty member for 16 years.

Pat Hingle, an actor as well as a mentor to UNCW students, faculty and staff in the theatre and film studies departments, died at age 84 on Jan. 3, 2009. His life work included numerous movies, television shows and Broadway plays. Hingle founded the Pat Hingle Theatre Guest Artist Fund, a program that allows UNCW students to interact with actors and professionals visiting the Wilmington area.



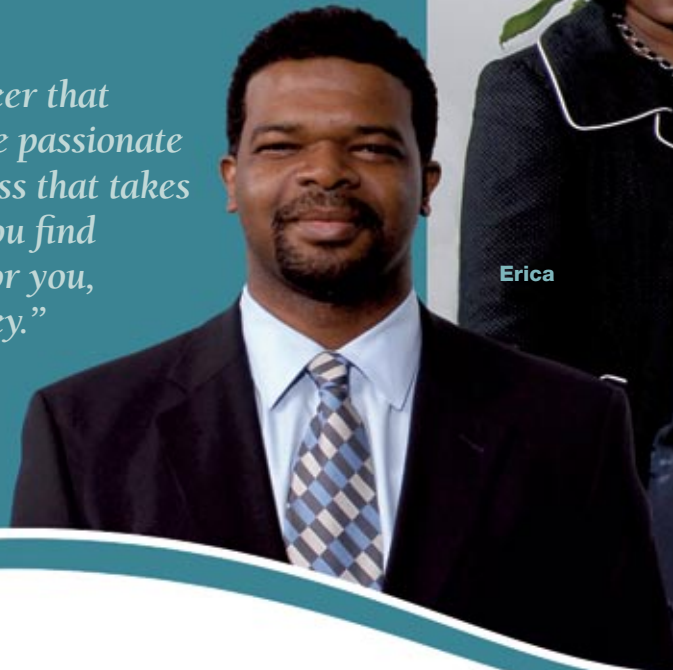
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by Jessica Costanza '09

Keeping up with the Joneses

“Finding the career that you love and are passionate about is a process that takes time. So until you find the right path for you, enjoy the journey.”

– Mike Jones



Erica



Tina



Stanley



There aren't very many families with ties to UNC Wilmington who can keep up with the Joneses of Kenansville.

Since the early 1970s, 13 family members covering three generations have attended or graduated from UNCW.

Cora Jones, the eldest sister, was the first to brand herself as a Seahawk, graduating in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in education. It was Cora who sparked younger brother Mike's initial interest in UNCW. Although the university consisted of just three buildings, he developed a love for the campus while visiting his sister, one that inspired him to live on campus all four years he was enrolled.

"I enjoyed watching the campus evolve, knowing that this university was going places," Mike said, who graduated in 1990 with a degree in finance.

He credited the time he spent at UNCW to advancing many things including his social skills. "I was able to meet people from different backgrounds, teaching me to understand people's different points of view and diverse cultures," he said.

When Mike graduated, the family turned out for the ceremony and was featured in the *Wilmington Star-News*. When asked what secret she had to getting her children to attend college, mother Sarah Jones said she exerted no extra pressure on them, but did let them know she wanted them to achieve more than she had.

"We were all fortunate to have the support of our mother Sarah Faison Jones, who raised us on a seamstress's salary after our parents separated. She was truly the inspiration behind us all," Mike said.

She can definitely be proud of Mike.

He went on to earn an M.B.A. at Fayetteville State University and a J.D. from N.C. Central University, and he completed the executive education program at Harvard University. He is now the associate counsel on the corporate law team at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, practicing in the areas of employment law, nonprofit law, construction law and providing legal support and assistance to the diversity office at Blue Cross.

"I believe that the workforce today requires more interaction from people of diverse cultures, beliefs and backgrounds than ever before. The success of any business requires a diverse pool of talent that can bring new ideas, perspectives and views to the workplace," he said.

Supporting diversity efforts is not the only place his voice can be heard.

A member of the UNCW gospel choir, Mike also has sung with the Boston Community Choir, the Boston Pops Gospel Choir and the New England Conservatory Millennium Choir. This gave him the opportunity to perform with some of the music industry's top talents such as Mariah Carey, Jennifer Holiday, Richard Smallwood, Donald Lawrence, Marvin Winans and Willie Nelson. He even performed the National Anthem at a Boston Celtics game.

Mike urges students not to get discouraged if their first job after graduation is not the field they had chosen originally.

"Finding the career that you love and are passionate about is a process that takes time. So until you find the right path for you, enjoy the journey," said Mike.



Cora E. Jones '74 went on to earn three Master of Arts degrees from Fayetteville State University. She is a retired Pender County School administrator. Her daughter, **Malaika N. Jones-Wright '95**, is a community service coordinator for the N.C. Department of Community Corrections.

Thomasa Jones Hall Mathis '92 is a general math and Algebra I teacher at Eastern Wayne Middle School in Goldsboro. She also teaches pre-curriculum education of mathematics at Wayne Community College.

Tina E. Jones '88 works as a site director for Neuse Enterprises/Omega in Wallace, an adult development and vocational training program.

Carol Jones Wilson (not pictured) attended UNCW from 1985-86 before transferring to UNC Chapel Hill and earning a B.A. in economics. She earned her J.D. in 1994 from North Carolina Central University. She is district court judge in the 4th Judicial District, which includes Duplin, Jones, Onslow and Sampson counties.

Stanley F. Jones '99 earned an M.B.A. from Campbell University and is a project cost analyst at PPD in Wilmington. His wife, **Erica Smith Jones '96**, is a project manager for PPD.

Daryl L. Jones '93 is a sales management consultant for BB&T in Wilmington. He is pursuing a master's degree in Christian education. His wife, **Mary Louise Faison Jones '93**, is a recreation specialist with the City of Wilmington.

Glenda Wallace Collins '94 is the service coordinator for Children's Development Services in Greensboro.

Mike Jones graduated in 1990 with a degree in finance. He earned an M.B.A. at Fayetteville State University and a J.D. from N.C. Central University and completed the executive education program at Harvard University. He is now the associate counsel on the corporate law team at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

Sarah Faison Jones is "the inspiration" behind the Jones' family's success.

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September

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Wilmington metal sculptor Dumay Gorham works on his latest piece, a copper Seahawk that will soar in front of Hoggard Hall on the University of North Carolina Wilmington campus. The sculpture, with a nearly 20-foot wingspan, is believed to be the world's largest Seahawk, or osprey, sculpture. Gorham is the son of Wilmington College alumni, **Louise '59 and Dumay Gorham '58** and the husband of **Megan Gorham '06M** who is a development director in the UNCW Division for University Advancement. The sculpture is a personal gift to UNCW from Charlotte philanthropist Irwin "Ike" Belk. No university or state funds were used for the project.



Visit www.uncw.edu for a photo gallery and videos detailing the construction and installation of the statue.